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PEANUT PRODUCERS APPROVE POUNDAGE QUOTAS

WASHINGTON, January 26, 1998 -- Final results of a referendum held December 1-4, 1997, determined that peanut producers have approved poundage quotas for the 1998 through 2002 crops, according to Keith Kelly, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency.

Of 8,680 votes cast, 8,228, or 94.8 percent, were in favor of quotas for the next five crop years, Kelly said. Two-thirds of the voting producers must favor continuing poundage quotas in order for quotas to be in effect.

In a 1995 referendum, 97.0 percent of voting producers favored quotas for the 1996 and 1997 crop years.

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Final Results of Dec. 1-4, 1997
Peanut Poundage Quota Referendum
for 1998 through 2002 Crop Years

Ballots Cast

State	Yes Votes	No Votes	Total Votes	% Yes
Alabama	740	20	760	97.4
Arizona	1	1	2	50.0
Arkansas	43	0	43	100.0
California	4	0	4	100.0
Florida	461	17	478	96.4
Georgia	2,199	59	2,258	97.4
Louisiana	29	0	29	100.0
Mississippi	42	0	42	100.0
Missouri	4	0	4	100.0
New Mexico	39	5	44	88.6
North Carolina	1,384	40	1,424	97.2
Oklahoma	546	15	561	97.3
South Carolina	55	0	55	100.0
Tennessee	0	0	0	0
Texas	2,078	269	2,347	88.5
Virginia	603	26	629	95.9
TOTALS	8,228.00	452.00	8,680.00	94.8

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